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2002/5
UNFPA annual report and funding commitments

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director for 2001 (DP/FPA/2002/4, Parts I–IV) and the report on funding commitments to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (DP/FPA/2002/5);

2. *Notes* with appreciation the progress made by UNFPA in the implementation of the multi-year funding framework;

3. *Welcomes* the comprehensive transition process;

4. *Welcomes* the initial implementation of a results-based approach and encourages UNFPA to make further progress in this area;

5. *Underlines* that UNFPA plays a crucial role, within its mandate, in helping recipient countries to achieve the unanimously agreed goals and targets contained in the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action,[1] ICPD+5[2] and the Millennium Declaration;

6. *Recognizes* that UNFPA contributes to sustainable development, in particular poverty eradication, by helping recipient countries address population dynamics and reproductive health issues;

7. *Expresses* its concern that the income projections to date for 2002 have declined as compared to the previous financial year;

8. *Urges* all countries to recognize the important role, within its mandate, of UNFPA in the forthcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development and the follow-up thereof;

9. *Emphasizes* that UNFPA needs strong political and financial support as well as increased, stable and predictable core funding, in order to carry out its mandate effectively;

10. *Encourages* UNFPA to mobilize additional financial resources, from all sources, *inter alia*, bilateral donors, recipient countries, foundations, corporations and from other segments of civil society;

11. *Encourages* all countries, in the spirit of the Monterrey Consensus, to further their support for UNFPA, including through greater advocacy and increased funding, in particular to the Fund's core resources;

12. *Encourages* all countries, in a position to do so, to make contributions early in the year and to make multi-year pledges;

13. *Welcomes* UNFPA efforts to broaden its donor base and encourages the organization to continue in these efforts.

21 June 2002

[1] Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994, (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18, chapter I, resolution 1, annex).

[2] General Assembly resolution A/RES/S-21/2, Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted on 8 November 1999.

2002/6
UNFPA and sector-wide approaches

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on UNFPA and sector-wide approaches (DP/FPA/2002/6);

2. *Encourages* UNFPA, where requested by recipient countries, to increase its involvement in sector-wide approaches;

3. *Requests* UNFPA, within its mandate, to contribute, at the request of the recipient countries, to national activities, including sector-wide approaches, in order to strengthen the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action[1] toward the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to outline progress achieved in the Annual Report.

21 June 2002

2002/7
Internal audit and oversight for UNDP and UNFPA

The Executive Board

Encourages the Administrator and the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to address the issues contained in the reports on internal audit and oversight (DP/2002/12 and DP/FPA/2002/8) and report to the Board at the annual session 2003 in the context of their respective reports on internal audit and oversight.

21 June 2002

2002/8
Annual report of the Administrator for 2001, including the results-oriented annual report (ROAR)

The Executive Board

1. *Expresses* appreciation for the annual report of the Administrator, including the results- oriented annual report (DP/2002/15), stressing that it is informative and accessible;

2. *Recognizes* that UNDP continues to lead in the effort to apply results-based management within the United Nations system and *endorses* and *encourages* the sharing of UNDP experience in results-based management with other members of the United Nations system and with programme countries;

3. *Commends* the candour with which UNDP acknowledged shortcomings, particularly in the area of gender mainstreaming, and *welcomes* their intention to address these shortcomings;

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[1] Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations Publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18, chapter I, resolution 1, annex).

4. *Appreciates* that the results-oriented annual report (ROAR) offers a good overview of activities being undertaken in the six mandated goals, and *encourages* UNDP to continue to improve the ROAR;

5. *Recognizes* the important role of UNDP in the implementation of the international development goals and targets of the Millennium Declaration and *encourages* UNDP to incorporate in the ROAR: (a) information on the results of UNDP activities linked with the resources allocated to the same; (b) the methodology used by UNDP to assess its role in progress towards achieving the international development goals and targets of the Millennium Declaration, (c) measurement of its role in progress towards achieving the international development goals and targets of the Millennium Declaration;

6. *Also suggests* that the results-oriented annual report, as an annual outcome report of the multi-year funding framework (MYFF), could be a powerful tool for advocacy to demonstrate the important work of UNDP as well as a stimulus to increase core resources;

7. *Expresses* keen interest in the methodology adopted to assess performance of UNDP and *encourages* UNDP to explore analytical options with regard to the data basis and the comparability of data between countries and regions;

8. *Encourages* UNDP to initiate the process of developing the next multi-year funding framework (MYFF), taking into account, *inter alia*, the Millennium Declaration, the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and experiences gained in the implementation of the current MYFF;

9. *Requests* that the Administrator continue to follow-up on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (DP/2002/15/Add.1).

27 June 2002

2002/9
UNDP core funding strategy

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* its decisions 98/23, 99/1 and 99/23, which set in place a funding system for UNDP designed to generate transparent dialogue on regular funding and facilitate greater volume and enhanced predictability;

2. *Welcomes* the increase in the overall resources of UNDP recorded in 2001, while reiterating that core resources are the bedrock of UNDP and essential to maintaining the multilateral and universal nature of its work;

3. *Recognizes* that, in light of the Monterrey Consensus, there exists a unique opportunity to examine the future funding of the multilateral organizations working in development in a comprehensive and holistic manner.

27 June 2002

2002/10
Programming arrangements

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations development system, which are, *inter alia*, universality, neutrality, multilateralism and its voluntary and grant nature;

2. *Takes note* of document DP/2002/17 on the issues and principles for possible improvements in the present programming arrangements and *requests* the Administrator to submit at the second regular session 2002 a report with further clarifications on the various questions raised by the Members of the Board at the annual session;

3. *Endorses* the proposal to move from a three-year programme financial framework to a four-year framework for the period commencing in 2004 with the purpose to ensure that in the future proposals for the UNDP Biennial Support Budget and the financial framework for regular programme resources are submitted at the same Executive Board session at least every four years;

4. *Invites* the Administrator to submit within the context of the preparations of the next MYFF cycle, a proposal for future synchronization of the processes leading to the endorsement of future MYFFs and programme financial frameworks;

5. *Requests* the Administrator to provide the Executive Board at its second regular session 2002 with proposals for possible recalculations of the TRAC 1.1.1 earmarkings in the course of the four-year framework period, and to propose in this context also an arrangement to recalculate such earmarkings for countries that have seen a significant change in their gross national income (GNI) per capita, as well as benchmarks to define such a change as significant.

27 June 2002

2002/11
Request by Argentina

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the request by Argentina contained in document DP/2002/CRP.9;

2. *Expresses its deep concern* about the serious economic downturn in Argentina since early 2002;

3. *Recognizes* the considerable estimated decline in the gross national income (GNI) per capita and the resulting rise in the social and economic hardship for the population;

4. *Decides* to provisionally suspend, on an exceptional basis, Argentina's status as a net contributor country (NCC) as well as the NCC financial obligations as outlined in DP/2002/CRP.9 with immediate effect, pending certification by the World Bank of the GNI per capita for 2002;

5. *Requests* UNDP to set up a special trust fund so Argentina may benefit from technical assistance and upstream policy advice from UNDP with immediate effect;

6. *Requests* the Administrator to provide the Executive Board at its second regular session 2002 with proposals for possible recalculations of the TRAC 1.1.1 earmarkings in the course of the four-year framework period, and to propose, in this context, also an arrangement to recalculate such earmarkings for countries that have seen a significant change in their GNI per capita as well as benchmarks to define such a change as significant.

27 June 2002

2002/12
United Nations Volunteers

The Executive Board

1. *Expresses* appreciation for the activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme during the 2000-2001 biennium and the achievement for the first time of over 5,000 serving volunteers in its thirtieth anniversary year;

2. *Welcomes* the contribution of the UNV programme to raising awareness among the international community and within the United Nations system of the importance of volunteerism in addressing the full range of development challenges;

3. *Recognizes* the role of the United Nations Volunteers programme as a facilitator of South-South exchange and as a window of opportunity for global citizens to engage as volunteers in United Nations activities for peace and development;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of the Special Voluntary Fund in enabling the United Nations Volunteers programme to continue its work in piloting initiatives that demonstrate the role that volunteerism and volunteers play in development;

5. *Commends* the United Nations Volunteers programme on its work as focal point for the International Year of Volunteers and *encourages* its continued support for the recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteering.

27 June 2002

2002/13
United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* its decision 2002/2 on the UNDP-UNOPS relationship;

2. *Recalls* the commitment by the Secretary-General to encourage United Nations entities to work through UNOPS as contained in document DP/2002/CRP.5;

3. *Regrets* the late availability, in all languages, of documents pertaining to UNOPS (DP/2002/19, DP/2002/CRP.10, DP/2002/CRP.11, DP/2002/CRP.12, DP/2002/CRP.13);

4. *Expresses its deep concern* that UNOPS expenditures were not aligned to project and other service income, resulting in a $5.6 million deficit in 2001, rendering the level of the operational reserve substantially below the level required by decision 2001/14;

5. *Notes with concern* the sizeable projected deficit that was anticipated in March 2002 for calendar year 2002, which is addressed in the revised budget presented in document DP/2002/CRP.10;

6. *Approves* the revised budget for 2002 contained in document DP/2002/CRP.10;

7. *Requests* UNOPS to report to the Executive Board at its second regular session in September 2002 on the implementation of the revised budget for 2002 and revisions to the budget for the second year of the biennium 2002-2003;

8. *Regrets* that ACABQ could not be consulted before the annual session of the Executive Board in June 2002 and *invites* the ACABQ to provide to the Executive Board at its second regular session in September 2002 their comments on all relevant documents requested by the Executive Board in this decision, including the revised budget for 2002 and the revisions for the second year of the biennium 2002-2003;

9. *Welcomes* the recent efforts to improve oversight by the Management Coordination Committee (MCC) and the Working Group of the MCC on UNOPS and *encourages* the MCC, the Working Group and UNOPS, within their respective mandates, to continue to monitor the implementation of the revised budget;

10. *Takes note of* the recent establishment of the expanded MCC;

11. *Welcomes* the report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the accounts of UNOPS for the biennium ended December 2001 (DP/2002/CRP.13);

12. *Notes with concern* that the opinion of the Board of Auditors is unqualified on the financial statements for 2000-2001, yet modified due to an emphasis of matter drawing attention to the risks that exist regarding the future of UNOPS;

13. *Also notes* that the Board of Auditors qualified its opinion on the non-compliance of UNOPS with Executive Board decision 2001/14 regarding the level of the operational reserve;

14. *Requests* UNOPS to develop a clear and definite action plan on savings from the projected staff cuts, in full compliance with United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations as recommended by the Board of Auditors, to be presented to the Executive Board at its second regular session in September 2002;

15. *Notes with concern* the information contained in the report of the Board of Auditors on the past and projected financial situation of UNOPS, including the substantial unfunded liabilities regarding end-of-service benefits, which were not included in the financial statements;

16. *Requests* UNOPS to prepare a contingency plan to address measures to be taken in the event of the operational reserve being unable to absorb possible deficits, to be approved by the Executive Board at its second regular session in September 2002;

17. *Urges* UNOPS, as a self-financing entity, to review the basis and calculation of the cost of its services with a view to ensuring that all costs are identified and recovered;

18. *Requests* UNOPS to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and to report on its implementation plan as well as the progress made during the second regular session in September 2002;

19. *Encourages* UNOPS, with the help of the MCC and potential clients, and based on the commitment of the Secretary-General, to further diversify its client portfolio;

20. *Requests* the MCC and UNOPS to submit to the Executive Board for review and approval at the second regular session in September 2002 the draft terms of reference and a timetable for an external, independent review of the business model of UNOPS, its cost effectiveness and the scope for further expansion of business opportunities for UNOPS within the United Nations system, in order to establish a framework for a sustainable UNOPS;

21. *Recalls* that all documentation must be provided six weeks in advance of the meetings of the Executive Board.

27 June 2002

2002/14
Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the endorsement of the Brussels Declaration (A/CONF.191/12) and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/CONF.191/11) by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001;

2 *Recalls* the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations as contained in United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001;

3. *Stresses* the need for continuing special attention by the UNDP for the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action;

4. *Invites* the UNDP Administrator to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action in UNDP's activities within its programme of work as called for in the United Nations General Assembly's resolution 56/227, paragraph 4, as well as in UNDP managed funds activities, in particular in UNCDF activities.

27 June 2002

2002/15
Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 2002

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the annual session 2002, it:

Item 1
Organizational matters

Approved the agenda and work plan for its annual session 2002 (DP/2002/L.2), as orally amended;

Approved the report of the first regular session 2002 (DP/2002/10);

Agreed to the following schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in 2002 and 2003:

Second regular session 2002:	23-27 September 2002
First regular session 2003:	20-29 January 2003
Annual session 2003:	9-20 June 2003 (New York) *
Second regular session 2003:	8-12 September 2003

Held a UNFPA special event on "The role of women and men in reproductive health in post-conflict situations, with a specific focus on the Great Lakes Region";

UNFPA segment

Item 2
Report of the Executive Director for 2001

Adopted decision 2002/5 of 21 June 2002 on the annual report of the Executive Director for 2001 and funding commitments;

Item 3
Funding commitments to UNFPA

Adopted decision 2002/5 of 21 June 2002 on the annual report of the Executive Director for 2001 and funding commitments;

Item 4
UNFPA and sector-wide approaches

Adopted decision 2002/6 of 21 June 2002 on UNFPA and sector-wide approaches;

Item 5
Evaluation

Took note of the periodic report on UNFPA's evaluation activities (DP/FPA/2002/7);

* Approved on a provisional basis, to be taken up at an upcoming meeting of the Bureau of the Executive Board.

Item 6
Country programmes and related matters

Took note of the following country outlines and the comments made thereon:

Country outline for Cameroon	DP/FPA/CPO/CMR/4
Country outline for Côte d'Ivoire	DP/FPA/CPO/CIV/5
Country outline for Equatorial Guinea	DP/FPA/CPO/GNQ/4
Country outline for Mali	DP/FPA/CPO/MLI/5
Country outline for Mauritania	DP/FPA/CPO/MRT/5
Country outline for Nigeria	DP/FPA/CPO/NGA/5
Country outline for Bangladesh	DP/FPA/CPO/BGD/6
Country outline for India	DP/FPA/CPO/IND/6
Country outline for Papua New Guinea	DP/FPA/CPO/PGN/3
Country outline for Djibouti	DP/FPA/CPO/DJI/2
Country outline for Jordan	DP/FPA/CPO/JOR/6
Country outline for Bolivia	DP/FPA/CPO/BOL/4
Country outline for El Salvador	DP/FPA/CPO/SLV/5
Country outline for Venezuela	DP/FPA/CPO/VEN/1

Approved the following programmes of assistance:

Assistance to the Government of the Central African Republic	DP/FPA/CAF/5
Assistance to the Government of Egypt	DP/FPA/EGY/7
Assistance to the Government of Tunisia	DP/FPA/TUN/7
Assistance to the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries	DP/FPA/CAR/3

UNDP/UNFPA joint segment

Item 7
Internal audit and oversight

Adopted decision 2002/7 of 21 June 2002 on internal audit and oversight for UNDP and UNFPA;

Took note of the report on internal audit and oversight for UNOPS (DP/2002/13/Add.1);

Item 8
Reports on field visits

Took note of the report on the field visit to Senegal (DP/2002/CRP.6);

Took note of the briefing on the field visit to Viet Nam;

UNDP segment

Item 9
Annual report of the Administrator

Adopted decision 2002/8 of 27 June 2002 on the annual report of the Administrator for 2001, including the results-oriented annual report;

Item 10
United Nations Capital Development Fund

Took note of the results-oriented annual report of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/2002/14);

Item 11
Funding commitments

Adopted decision 2002/9 of 27 June 2002 on UNDP core funding strategy;

Item 12
Programme financing

Adopted decision 2002/10 of 27 June 2002 on programming arrangements;

Item 13
Country programmes and related matters

Approved the second regional cooperation framework for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (DP/RCF/REC/2);

Took note of the following country programme outlines and comments made thereon:

First country programme outline for Botswana	DP/CPO/BOT/1
First country programme outline for Cameroon	DP/CPO/CAM/1
First country programme outline for Comoros	DP/CPO/COM/1
First country programme outline for Equatorial Guinea	DP/CPO/EQG/1
First country programme outline for Côte d'Ivoire	DP/CPO/CVI/1
First country programme outline for Guinea Bissau	DP/CPO/GBS/1
First country programme outline for Liberia	DP/CPO/LIB/1
First country programme outline for Mali	DP/CPO/MLI/1
First country programme outline for Nigeria	DP/CPO/NIR/1
First country programme outline for the Seychelles	DP/CPO/SEY/1
First country programme outline for India	DP/CPO/IND/1
First country programme outline for Malaysia	DP/CPO/MAL/1
First country programme outline for Papua New Guinea	DP/CPO/PNG/1
First country programme outline for Mauritania	DP/CPO/MAU/1

First country programme outline for Bolivia	DP/CPO/BOL/1
First country programme outline for Cuba	DP/CPO/CUB/1
First country programme outline for the Dominican Republic	DP/CPO/DOM/1
First country programme outline for Panama	DP/CPO/PAN/1
First country programme outline for Venezuela	DP/CPO/VEN/1

Approved the following country cooperation frameworks:

Second country cooperation framework for Ethiopia	DP/CCF/ETH/2
Second country cooperation framework for Algeria	DP/CCF/ALG/2
Second country cooperation framework for Lebanon	DP/CCF/LEB/2
Second country cooperation framework for Belize	DP/CCF/BEL/2
Second country cooperation framework for Honduras	DP/CCF/HON/2

Took note of the extensions of country cooperation frameworks for Cuba and Thailand (DP/2002/22);

Adopted decision 2002/11 of 27 June 2002 on the request by Argentina;

Item 14
United Nations Volunteers

Adopted decision 2002/12 of 27 June 2002 on United Nations Volunteers;

Item 15 United Nations Office for Project Services
Item 16 UNDP-UNOPS relationship
Item 7 Internal audit and oversight

Adopted decision 2002/13 of 27 June 2002 on the United Nations Office for Project Services;

Item 17
Other matters

I. Informal consultations

Held informal consultations on system-wide approach and coordination in addressing HIV/AIDS (with the participation of ILO, UNAIDS secretariat, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO and the country offices of Cambodia and Swaziland).

Held informal consultations on improving the working methods of the Executive Board.

Held informal consultations on progress in the implementation of the Doha development agenda and trade-related assistance and capacity-building (with the participation of ITC, UNCTAD, UNDP and WTO).

II. Decision on the Least Developed Countries

Adopted decision 2002/14 of 27 June 2002 on Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

27 June 2002

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
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UNDP segment

Item 2. FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Annual review of the financial situation 2001
- Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2001
- Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, 2001
- Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, 2001 – Addendum

Item 3 PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS

- Reports included in the implementation of decision 2002/10:
- Further clarifications on the issues and principles for possible improvements in the present programming arrangements
- Proposals for possible recalculations of TRAC 1.1.1 earmarkings for the four-year framework period

Item 4. EVALUATION

- Annual report of the Administrator on evaluation

Item 5. COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

- First country programme outlines for Cape Verde, Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- First country programme outlines for Bahrain, Jordan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- First country programme outlines for East Timor, Maldives and Samoa
- First multi-country programme outlines for Fiji and the Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue
- Second country cooperation framework for Egypt and Sudan
- Second country cooperation frameworks for Argentina, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua and Suriname
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- Assistance to Myanmar

Item 6. UNOPS: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Reports included in the implementation of decision 2002/13:
- Implementation of the revised budget for 2002 and revisions to the budget for 2003
- ACABQ comments on all relevant documents requested by the Executive Board
- Action plan on savings from projected staff cuts
- Contingency plan with regard to the level of operational reserve
- Report on progress in the implementation of recommendations of the Board of Auditors
- Draft terms of reference and timetable for an external independent review of the UNOPS business model

UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 7. FIELD VISITS

Report on the joint field visit to Viet Nam (UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF)

UNFPA segment

Item 8. FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Revised biennial support budget proposals for 2002-2003
- Report of the ACABQ on the UNFPA revised biennial support budget proposals for 2002-2003

Item 9. UNFPA HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Item 10. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Annual financial review, 2001

Item 11. COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

- Country programme outlines for Botswana, Burundi, Comoros and Guinea-Bissau
- Country programme outlines for China, East Timor and Maldives
- Regional programme for the Pacific

Item 12. OTHER MATTERS